

# CSWC Operational Period Summary

## 1800 August 8 2015 to 0600 August 9 2015



Firefighters with a California Office of Emergency Services strike team take a break from mopping up hot spots on the Rocky Fire.

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Note: [Report changes/updates are in blue](#)



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# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **National News – Significant Events**

### **Plume from Colorado Mine Spill Reaches New Mexico**

(Reuters) A contaminated plume of waste water accidentally released from a Colorado gold mine by U.S. environmental agency workers has spread downstream and reached northern New Mexico, officials said on Saturday. Utilities for the New Mexico towns of Aztec and Farmington have shut out river water from their systems to prevent contamination from the plume, which reached the state line between Colorado and New Mexico on Friday, said Michele Truby-Tillen, spokeswoman for the San Juan County, New Mexico, office of emergency management. The spread of the plume into New Mexico represented a new danger for authorities as they seek to control the spill. About 1 million gallons (3.8 million liters) of orange-hued waste water that had been held behind a barrier at the abandoned Gold King Mine spilled after a breach on Wednesday into Cement Creek, and then flowed into the Animas River, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials said. Workers in an EPA crew, who were sent to the mine near Silverton, Colorado, to deal with a previously existing problem of seepage, were excavating loose material when some gave way and created an opening in the mine tunnel that sent waste water spilling out, EPA officials said. Dissolved metals were found in the plume, but lab results are pending to determine the exact levels of possible contaminants, EPA officials told reporters on a conference call on Saturday.

## **International News – Significant Events**

### **Attacks on Army, Police and U.S. Special Forces Kill 50 in Kabul**

(Reuters) A wave of attacks on the Afghan army and police and U.S. special forces in Kabul have killed at least 50 people and wounded hundreds, dimming hopes that the Taliban might be weakened by a leadership struggle after their longtime leader's death. The bloodshed began on Friday with a truck bomb that exploded in a heavily populated district and included an hours-long battle at a base used by U.S. special forces. It became the deadliest day in Kabul for years. The Islamist insurgents claimed responsibility for both the police academy attack and the battle at the U.S. special forces base, though not for the truck bomb. The violence was a reminder of the difficulty of reviving a stalled peace process, conveying a no-compromise message from the Taliban following the late July revelation of Mullah Mohammad Omar's death and a dispute over the leadership of the insurgency. "The question is, who is sending the message?" said Thomas Ruttig of the Afghanistan Analysts Network. On Saturday, NATO-led coalition forces confirmed that one international force member and eight Afghan contractors had been killed in the attack on Camp Integrity, a base used by U.S. special forces near the airport. The blast outside the base was powerful enough to flatten offices inside, wounding occupants who were airlifted by helicopter to military hospitals. "There was a big explosion at the gate ... (The gunfire) sounded like it came from two different sides," said a special forces member who was wounded when his office collapsed. A U.S. spokesman for the NATO mission in Afghanistan said the Taliban had increasingly turned to high profile attacks. "The recent attacks in Kabul are consistent with this trend," said the spokesman, Brigadier General Wilson Shoffner. Camp Integrity is run by U.S. security contractor Academi, which was known as Blackwater before being sold to investors. It said eight Afghans contracted to a local partner security firm were killed. It declined to comment further.

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## **Storm/Wind Event, Thermal, Riverside County**

In the overnight hours of August 6-7, the community of Thermal experienced high winds that toppled approximately 100 power poles in the area, interrupting service to about 230 residences.

- As of approximately 1718 hours on 08/08/15, Imperial Irrigation District and contracted power crews were working on restoring the last 4 customers of the outage.
- The Red Cross initially opened an evacuation center at the Desert Mirage High School, 86150 Avenue 66, Thermal. By Friday afternoon the evacuation center had been upgraded to a shelter. [Current Population – 13](#)
- The Cal OES Southern Duty Officer will continue to monitor the progress of this event.
- There are no unmet needs or requests for assistance.

## **SOC Activation for California Wildfires**

- The State Operations Center (SOC) is activated at Level 3 from 0500-2100 hours today due to the wildfires burning throughout California.
- The Coastal REOC is activated at Level 1 this weekend.
- The Inland REOC is activated at Level 1.

## **Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought.

## **Weather of Concern**

- [Fire Weather will be a concern for portions of Del Norte and Siskiyou Counties Monday afternoon and evening.](#)

## **Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:**

[http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www\\_bc\\_cal.php](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php)

# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:**

#### **Eureka Weather:**

Mostly dry weather and seasonable temperatures are expected through Monday. A slightly cooler air mass is expected to move over the region Tuesday through Thursday as an upper low spins off the coast. Smoke originating from wildfires over the interior will continue to impact many areas of northwest California this week.

#### **Medford Weather:**

Plenty of clouds continue along the coast again today, with the remainder of the region mainly clear. Monday afternoon, the flow aloft will be largely from the south-southeast bringing gusty afternoon breezes across much of the area, and since the winds align with the Shasta Valley, south winds will be particularly gusty there, perhaps 35-40 mph. This combined with low afternoon relative humidity will create a fire weather concern. An upper low may bring thunderstorms over the area mid next week.

#### **Reno Weather:**

A few showers or thunderstorms are possible this afternoon and evening along the Sierra crest. Expect drier weather through at least midweek along with high temperatures slightly below normal. Breezy winds will be possible Monday through Thursday each afternoon.

#### **San Francisco Weather:**

Dry weather conditions are expected to persist through the week. Daytime temperatures cool slightly for the first half of the week with a gradual warming trend late in the week.

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## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:**

#### **Sacramento Weather:**

Dry weather is expected this week, except for a slight chance of midweek thunderstorms across the northern mountains. Near normal temperatures will continue through this period.

#### **Hanford Weather:**

Dry conditions are expected with near to slightly below normal temperatures will continue across central California through at least the end of the work week.

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

#### **Los Angeles Weather:**

A trough of low pressure off the coast will bring below normal temperatures to much of the region through early next week, along with night through morning low clouds and fog to many coastal and valley areas. A warming trend and a shrinking marine layer is then expected into next weekend as high pressure over New Mexico expands west.

#### **Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:**

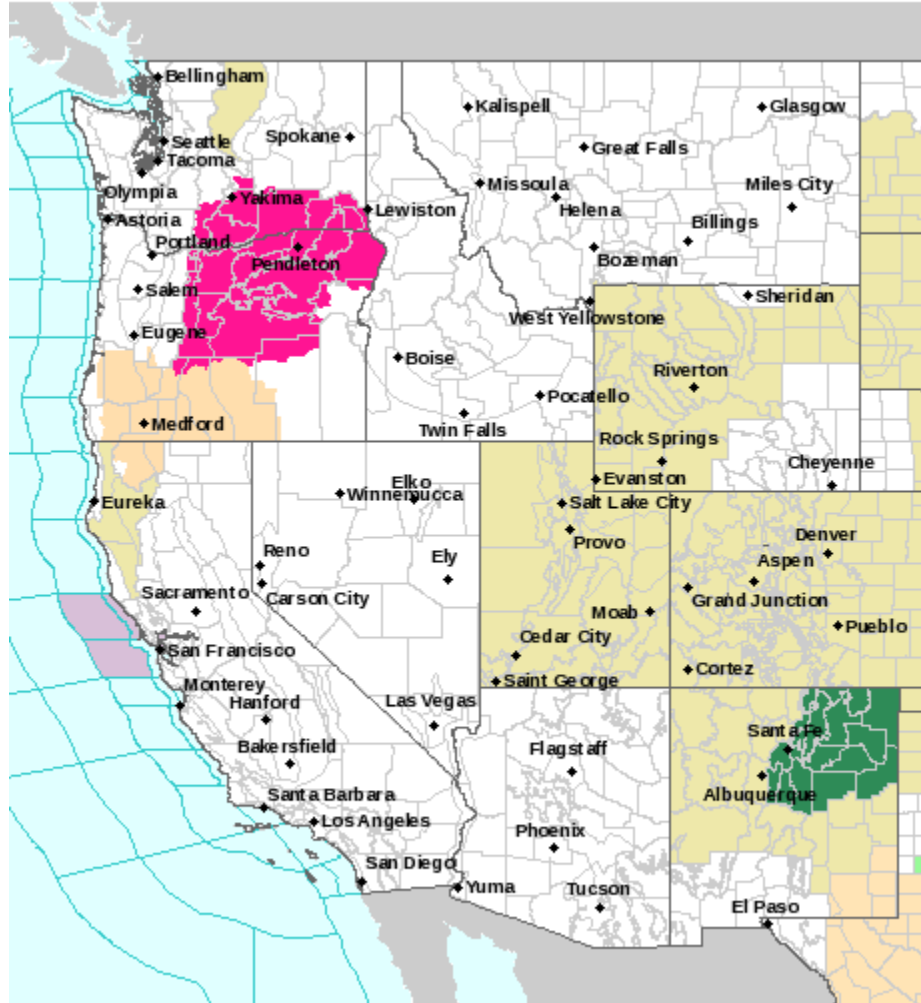
A trough of low pressure off the west coast will continue dry weather through Tuesday with seasonal temperatures and areas of night and morning coastal low clouds and patchy fog extending into the valleys. Wednesday and Thursday there will be a minor influx of mid level moisture in south flow aloft with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms, mainly near the mountains. Friday through next weekend, high pressure over the central and southern Rockies will strengthen and expand westward into the southwest states and Great Basin bringing warmer temperatures and a shallower marine layer with high temperatures around 5 degrees above average.

#### **Southeast California Weather:**

Dry and tranquil weather will remain over the region through early in the week. Developing low pressure off the west coast and high pressure over New Mexico will open the door for monsoon moisture to return for the middle of the week. During this time it appears the best chances for thunderstorms will be from Las Vegas south and east.



# STATE WEATHER MAP



- Flood Warning
- Flash Flood Watch
- Red Flag Warning
- Small Craft Advisory
- Fire Weather Watch
- Special Weather Statement
- Hazardous Weather Outlook
- Short Term Forecast



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# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

**NOTE: Detailed Fire Information will be reported in a Cal OES/Cal Fire Joint Report daily at 0900 hours and 2000 hours**

## **FIRES, NORTHERN OPERATIONS AREA**

### **Active**

- Fork Complex, Vegetation Fire, Trinity County
- Humboldt LCA, Vegetation Fire, Humboldt County
- Lowell, Vegetation Fire, Nevada County
- Mad River Complex, Vegetation Fire, Trinity County
- River Complex, Vegetation Fire, Trinity County
- Rocky, Vegetation Fire, Lake County
- Dodge, Vegetation Fire, Lassen County
- South Complex, Vegetation Fire, Trinity County
- Gasquet Complex, Vegetation Fire, Del Norte County
- Route, Vegetation Fire, Del Norte County
- Nickowitz, Vegetation Fire, Del Norte County

### **Final**

- None

## **FIRES, SOUTHERN OPERATIONS AREA**

### **Active**

- Cabin, Vegetation Fire, Tulare County
- Rough, Vegetation Fire, Fresno County
- Willow, Vegetation Fire, Madera County
- Chorro, Vegetation Fire, Ventura County

### **Final**

- None

# **FIRE ACTIVITY**



## **Preparedness Levels**

### **National Preparedness Level 4**

#### **Northern California**

Preparedness Level 5, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 3

#### **Southern California**

Preparedness Level 3, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

## **California Fire Potential & Weather Maps**

### **Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

### **Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

### **California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings**

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

### **NWS California River Forecast Center:**

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>



# CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

## Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC every Monday at 1100 hours.

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### **Local Emergency Proclamations:**

**A total of 60 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:**

- 27 Counties: Butte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 12 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County) and City of Willits (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).

# CAL OES MISSIONS

## New Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-15207 08/08/15 1915 hours:** AFRCC contacted the Warning Center and reported an ELT sounding in the vicinity of San Francisco County. The Warning Center briefed the county including CAP IC contact info and advised the Cal OES LDO. At 2321 hours, the LDO reported that the ELT was located non-distress and silenced. **Mission Closed**

## Ongoing Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-14760 08/04/15 1230 hours:** San Diego County Sheriff's Department (SDSD) is requesting resources to locate the remains of a possible homicide victim. SDSD is requesting 6-8 cadaver search dog teams. This search will take place in the Ramona area on Saturday, 08/08/15 at 0700 hours. California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Branch is coordinating the search dog team response.
- **2015-LAW-14579 08/02/15 0502 hours:** Kern County Sheriff requested assistance in the search for a homicide suspect. Kern County personnel, who have been searching a remote location in the Jawbone Canyon area of Eastern Kern County since Thursday, requested an aircraft to conduct night time infrared searches of the area. The California National Guard accepted the mission. During the search the Kern Sheriff's SWAT team was fired on by the suspect. Two officers were hit, one minor and one serious. The SWAT Officers returned fire but it is not known if the suspect was hit. Kern requested a significant in county mutual aid response. LA County Sheriff provided a helicopter for nighttime searches and have committed a helicopter for searches today. A Law Branch Assistant Chief is deployed to the Kern Sheriff DOC in support of this mission. Update: 08/03/15 Kern County continued searches for this suspect using significant in county mutual aid. Assistance from LA Sheriff included a SWAT contingent and several helicopters. Orange County Sheriff assisted with the loan of specialized equipment. Searching will continue. A MIGU was requested and has arrived on site.  
**Update: 08/05/15, 1259 hours,** Searches conducted on 8/4 were unsuccessful. LA Sheriff continues to provide a total of about 30 personnel and several aircraft. Anaheim Police provided a search aircraft for a second day and the California National Guard provided a RC26 search aircraft. Additional equipment/personnel received on 8/4 included a 17 man contingent from Customs and Border Protection, The Guard provided two additional personnel with 30 Friendly Force Trackers. LA SWAT demobilizing and being replaced by US Border Patrol SWAT and Bakersfield Police SWAT. Guard's RC 26 requested through Monday.

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- **2015-LAW-14555 08/03/15, 0800 hours:** Trinity County Sheriff's Department is requesting Mutual aid of an additional 20 officer's through Friday, 08/07/15. Assistant Chief John Sutton is assigned to this incident and is coordinating with Region II RMAC in obtaining the requested resources. Update: 08/03/15, 1700 hours, Region III LE MIGU has been assigned to the Fork Complex Fire, T-com will be supporting with ACS personnel. Update: 08/04/15, Region IV RMAC has secured 21 LE Officers for the operational deployment of August 4-7 with an operational period of 0900-2100 hours. Update: 08/03/15, 1700 hours, Region III LE MIGU has been assigned to the Fork Complex Fire, T-com will be supporting with ACS personnel. Update: 08/04/15, 1445 hours, MIGU III is fully operational at Law ICP. TCSO is looking at future operational periods for LEMA missions through Friday August 14, 2015. Region IV RMAC secured 21 LE Officers for the operational period of Wednesday Aug. 5 – Friday Aug 7. **Update: 08/06/15,** Region III Law Coordinator AC John Sutton is coordinating with Region's II, III & IV Regional Mutual Aid Coordinators (RMAC's) to secure 25 LE Officers for the next Operational Period of August 8-14, 2015 for TCSO. CHP has continued to support this mission with 20 officers related to road closure activities. AC Sutton requested T-com support of the Region III MIGU to be extended thru to August 15th utilizing ACS & the Region III T-Com Coordinator which was approved. TCSO has requested LEMA support from the Cal DOJ North State Marijuana Investigation Team to assist with Team Leader roles based on their knowledge of both the geographical area and situation awareness of the residences within these communities. TCSO is looking into the next Operational Period, Aug 15-21 for potential LE LEMA support. **Update: 08/08/15,** Cal OES Law Coordinator / TCSO secured 25 LE personnel for the August 8-14 Operational Period. The Cal DOJ North State Marijuana Investigation Team was unable to support the mission role as Team Leader(s) (Pathfinders), CHP has accepted this assignment. Currently the Region III MIGU has been crashing, Cal OES has been provided with 5 Megabits of data speed on the download and 2 Megabits of data speed on the upload. As of 8/7/2015 per T-Com data speeds have ranged from 1.3 to 2.3 megabits down and 1.5 to 2.2 megabits up. These speeds are from the satellite to the MIGU. Because the data speeds have been slow, Trinity County IC staff are routinely being disconnected from the internet, both hardline and through Wi-Fi, causing significant communications difficulties for ICS personnel. At 1242 hours, per Mike Beckstrand T-Com, due to shared bandwidth issues, MIGU-3 OASIS has been moved from the shared data plan to an individual data plan for this mission. Changes have been approved by Dan Bout.
- **2013-LAW-1563 07/23/15 1225 hours:** Plumas County Sheriffs Office (PCSO) has requested Human Remains Detection K9 to search a specific site regarding a 30 year old cold case. LDO contacted K9 Coordinator who is currently securing K9 handlers from a team located out of Santa Clara County. PCSO has asked for two separate search dates to confirm any potential findings. Timeline for search efforts: August 1 - 6, 2015, Cal OES is currently working on securing these resources.



**Mission:**

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

*We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.*